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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:232
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ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM UNDER UASL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given spectrum under the Unified Access Service Licence (USAL) to some companies on "first come first served" basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India have objected to the grant of spectrum under ``first come first served`` basis; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 FOR 15TH DECEMBER, 2008 REGARDING "ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM UNDER UASL".

(a) & (b) Yes sir. Allotment of Initial spectrum to all service providers holding Unified Access Service Licence (UASL) are made on "first come first served "basis. Details of spectrum allotted to 2G Telecom Service Providers are placed as annex-I.

(c) & (d) Neither Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) nor the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has objected to the principle of "first come first served ". However, the information on the clarification required by Central Vigilance Commission regarding the principle of first come first served basis for the issue of licence and allocation of spectrum has been provided.